

MEDALS FOR OFFICERS AND CREW OF THE U. S. S.  
KEARSARGE.

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JUNE 27, 1902.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. WATSON, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3791.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3791) to provide suitable medals for the officers and crew of the United States vessel of war *Kearsarge*, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the Navy Department, as will appear by the following letter:

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
Washington, February 27, 1902.

SIR: Referring to the bill (S. 3791) to provide suitable medals for the officers and crew of the United States vessel of war *Kearsarge*, I have the honor to state that the Department has no objection to urge to the passage of the measure, it appearing to be appropriate to recognize in the manner proposed an important historical event such as the destruction of the *Alabama*. It is observed that, as worded, the bill authorizes the Secretary of the Navy "to appropriate out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated," \* \* \* which is, however, doubtless an oversight on the part of those that drafted the measure, and, although authorizing in the first section medals to the heirs of those deceased who participated in the engagement, directs that only the names of the survivors shall be ascertained by the Department.

I transmit herewith a draft of a measure in amendment for the convenience of the committee if it deems advisable to change the bill in the particulars herein mentioned, and commend the same to its favorable consideration.

Very respectfully,

JOHN D. LONG,  
Secretary.

Hon. EUGENE HALE,  
Chairman Committee on Naval Affairs, United States Senate.